

LOSS IS \$6,000,000

SENTENCED TO DEATH

FOUR LIVES LOST

Equitable Assurance Society Building
in New York Destroyed

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The great marble, nine-story building of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at 129 Broadway, the home of the Mercantile Trust Co., the Equitable Trust Co., the banking house of Kountz Bros., the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co. and the Harrington Trust Co. was destroyed early today by fire. Three men were killed by falling from the roof. One man is believed to have lost his life in the vaults and the property loss is estimated at about \$6,000,000. Millions of dollars in cash and securities are locked in the vaults of the Assurance society and the banking and trust companies but are not believed to be affected by the flames.

William Gillin, president of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., was imprisoned with three other employees in the vaults and was rescued after the flames had raged through several two-inch steel bars.

Deputy Fire Chief Walsh was rescued from the building after being imprisoned in the burning structure nearly two hours.

The fire was in the heart of the financial district and the flames were fought mainly from the tops of towering skyscrapers. Business was brought almost to a complete standstill among banking and brokerage houses, whose employees could not reach the scene of their daily activities. Financial firms stopped business to care for the firemen.

The fire started on one of the upper floors. The first firemen who reached the scene in response to an alarm sent to a watchman, realized that the task before them was one of great difficulty and they called out all the fire companies in the lower town district. The fire was in the eighth, ninth and tenth stories of the structure. The building is one of the old time structures.

The fire started on one of the upper floors from the eighth floor to the roof was a raging furnace. Pine street is a narrow thoroughfare, centrally affording room for two wagons to pass and on the opposite side from the Equitable building stands a 20-story skyscraper. The brick of this structure were steaming with a heat which made them fairly glow as the firemen retreated from the point where they had taken their first stand.

Although the fire is located in the district served by the famed high pressure water mains there was a long struggle to get sufficient pressure to reach the blaze effectively. The city's fireboats were hurriedly brought from their stations and docked at the North river piers five blocks away to be called upon in case the high pressure force was completely.

At 6:45 o'clock the fire was gaining rapidly. The water towers were too short to reach the flames and those streams, after winding around the staircase lost all their force upon the upper stories. Fire officials at 6:50 o'clock admitted that even with the best efforts they could possibly put forward the loss would amount to \$5,000,000.

At seven o'clock the roof of the building fell in. The firemen turned their efforts to nearby buildings in an effort to stay the flames.

Loss of Life
Three firemen jumped from the roof of the Equitable building into Cedar

street, the police reported, and were seen kneeling in prayer and then killed. The fire started in the Cafe Savarin in the basement of the building and quickly extended up the elevator shaft. The streets were filled with shock and confusion. The firemen on the roof were being hit by falling debris and were unable to work their way back to the street.

Imprisoned in Vaults
Fire Commissioner Johnson discovered a man imprisoned in the vaults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co. at the corner of Cedar street and Broadway. The man could be seen from the street and his legs were pinned down by a mass of fixtures and debris which had fallen above. He was alive and held out his hand to the firemen, who made frantic through futile efforts to break through the heavy steel door. Father McGinn of the fire department gave the last rites of the church to the dying man. Commissioner Johnson said he thought the imprisoned man was the president of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., who had arrived at the building after the fire was under headway and attempted to save some papers.

Rescued
Father McGinn nearly lost his life when administering the last rites to President Gillin, the firemen dragging him away as a shower of bricks and stones fell on the spot where he had been kneeling.

As the firemen carried Father McGinn away the dying man turned to him and said: "For God's sake, Father, take me out of here. I am dying. Can't you get at me?"

Two porters in the Safe Deposit Co. were rescued from the basement of the building when the sidewalk in front of the structure caved in. They were injured and removed to a hospital.

The fire was finally confined to the Equitable building, though for a time it seemed as though the flames would sweep across the street and set fire to the American Exchange National bank at Cedar street and Broadway on which the sparks were falling in a perfect shower.

The building was kept wet down by streams of water from the sky scrapers on all sides. The heat of the flames had the intensity of a blast furnace. The heavy floors of the building buckled under the white hot fire and fell in while the giant walls crumbled into the heat and dropped piecemeal into the streets. The building was almost totally gutted. Part of the Brooklyn fire department was sent to the scene.

A Mass of Flames
Within two hours after the fire broke out at 5:30, the building was a seething mass of flames and the firemen working from the tops of skyscrapers and from the street ladders were trying to prevent the flames from spreading to the building on the opposite side of the street. The Equitable building occupied the block between Broadway and Nassau streets and Pine and Cedar streets. The fire was first discovered on the ground floor in a storeroom of the Cafe Savarin and carried by a draught of air, shot upward through an elevator shaft, setting fire to the upper floors. A general alarm was given in and when the fire department reached the scene the flames were bursting out the windows in the southeast corner of the building.

A gale of wind sweeping through the streets drove the flames through the building from end to end. Firemen dragged their ladders to the tops of the Chase National bank on Pine street and the Fourth National bank on Nassau street while other lines of hose were run up on a skyscraper opposite the burning building on Broadway from which streams of water were directed on the flames. Five alarms were turned in and five hoses from the North and East rivers grouped themselves at a convenient dock and pumped volumes of water into the building.

Three watchmen in the building heroically remained to fight the flames with fire extinguishers but they were made finally to leave the building. A heroic attempt to save them and scaling ladders were run up. Firemen ran as far as the fourth floor when the three watchmen, their forms outlined against the glare of the flames

MGR. WILLIAM BYRNE

Well Known Clergyman
Died Today

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—The death of Right Reverend Mgr. William Byrne, coadjutor bishop of Boston under the late Archbishop Williams at Pastor of St. Cecilia's church in the Back Bay district, occurred early today after an eight weeks' illness with the grip. Appointment in the rank of monsignor was made in 1905 by Pope Pius and the prelate was named vicar general of the archdiocese of Boston a few years later.

FUNERALS

HAMEL.—The funeral of the late Eugene Hamel took place this morning from his late home, 107 West Sixth street and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The cortege left the house at 8:45 o'clock and wended its way to St. Louis church where at a eulogistic high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Edward Carrier, O. M. I. of San Antonio, Texas, a cousin of deceased, assisted by Rev. Fr. Fortier and Beaudry as deacon and sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Mr. Olier, J. David rendered Bertran's harmonized mass. Miss Ida McGinn presiding at the organ. The bearers were J. Seward, Edmund Lambert and Arthur J. Robillard, representing Court St. Paul, C. O. F. and T. Bacchante, E. J. Beaudette and Armand Trudel from Somersworth, N. H., Gedeon Hamel of Vermont and Mrs. David Robillard of Franklin, N. H. Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Edward Carrier, O. M. I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Napoleon Bilodeau.

MAN FOUND DEAD

Overseer John Taylor
Passed Away Suddenly

John Taylor, aged 66 years, 1 month and 3 days, a highly respected resident of this city, was found dead at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Reed, 11 Shaw street, about 8 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Taylor, for the past twenty-two years, held the responsible position of overseer of dressing and spooling in the Merrimack Manufacturing company. He was at his work yesterday morning at the sound of the whistle. During the morning he was not feeling well and was advised to go home and rest. This he did and upon arriving at his home said he was all right and ate a hearty meal at noon. In the afternoon he felt much better and retired last evening, instructing Mrs. Reed to call him for work this morning.

During the evening he got up and came down stairs. He returned to bed and was thought to be in the best of health. This morning when Mrs. Reed went to his room to call him he was dead. Dr. Woods, a close friend of deceased, said death was due to heart disease.

Mr. Taylor is survived by several sisters and nephews, having no nearer relatives. He was born in Lancashire, England and came to this country when 21 years of age. He first located in Wakefield. He then came to the Hamilton mills in this city. From the latter mill he went to Amesbury to accept a position as overseer in a cotton mill there. He returned to Lowell and secured employment in the Hamilton mills during Agent Charles H. Richardson's regime.

In August, 1896, he went to the Merrimack mills where he labored as overseer until yesterday. He was respected by all who knew him and his sudden demise will be keenly felt by his many friends, particularly those who worked under him in the Merrimack mills.

NOTICE

Members of Division 1, A. O. U. W., are requested to meet in Hibernian hall tonight to take action on the death of their late brother, James J. Carmody, signed, JOSEPH FAHEY, Pres., JAMES A. SHEEHAN, Sec.

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PASTOR RICHESON

Pleaded Guilty of Murder in the First
Degree and Was Sentenced

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—A plea of guilty of murder in the first degree was made by the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson in the superior court today. He had pleaded not guilty when arraigned on the indictment charging the poisoning of Avis Linnell but following his written confession made Saturday it was arranged for him to retract this plea. This he did by pleading guilty today.

Judge Sanderson sentenced Richeson to death in the electric chair at the state prison at Charlestown some time in the week beginning May 19.

When Judge Sanderson asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced Richeson replied: "I have nothing to say further than my written confession."

Richeson heard the death sentence with little apparent emotion. There was no trembling on his part, but a slight swallowing in his throat. Throughout the brief proceedings he was calm. He was in court but six minutes.

BOY IS STILL MISSING

Vladus Rusecki Has Not Been Seen
Since Sunday

The disappearance of Vladus Rusecki, seven years, is still a mystery. Vladus, but a visit there last night revealed the fact that he had not been seen in that vicinity. The boy, it is said, was seen on the ice of the Concord river and consequently at 1 o'clock this afternoon, Undertaker Joseph Albert and a couple of his men got busy grappling for the body.

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THE CHARITY DEPT.

Aided More Than 700 Families
During the Year 1911

More than 700 families were aided by the charity department during the year 1911 and the total number of persons assisted was more than 2500. For outdoor relief, including wood, coal and provisions the department expended \$11,805.50, about \$50 more than last year. This includes the state, cities and towns. The city, of course, will be reimbursed for the amounts expended in other places. The total reimbursement last year from cities and towns was \$1517.78.

The first four months in 1911 showed quite a big increase over the following eight months and taking the twelve months as a whole there was a difference of only \$84. Following are the amounts expended each month:

January	\$1597.00
February	1418.80
March	1318.00
April	925.00
May	732.00
June	724.00
July	724.00
August	654.00
September	725.00
October	760.00
November	848.00
December	1241.00
Total	\$11,805.50

This is a very busy day for the street department and last night was a busy night. Nineteen men and a foreman went to work on the crossing at midnight. They covered the main thoroughfares, including Merrimack, Central, Prescott, Middlesex, Gorham, Bridge and East Merrimack streets. Other gangs were sent out at four o'clock, all the teams available were pressed into service and plows were used in the outskirts.

The Bay State Street railway has been asked to co-operate with the city in keeping the crossings cleared of snow. The snow turned up and thrown out by the company's plows onto the work of the street department and the street

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TEXTILE STUDENTS

Were Addressed by Mr.
George Tupper

Mr. George Tupper, industrial secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association and a member of the Textile Association, gave an extremely interesting lecture to the students of the Textile school in the assembly hall yesterday afternoon. Mr. Tupper has traveled in Europe during the past summer studying the conditions of industrial operations in Germany, Italy, Portugal, Germany and Lithuania.

Mr. Tupper, principal of the school, presented Mr. Tupper. The principal has made an interesting study of the work which Mr. Tupper has done in a textile and social work, but in a fundamental way, for the betterment of industrial conditions.

Mr. Tupper, in his lecture, "The American Amalgamation Company," spoke in part as follows:

"I come as a representative of a great concern, The American Amalgamation Company, in which all Americans must be interested in some time or other. This company presents a phase which is still touchy, and every one of us, namely, the human side. The object of the company is to change the customs and ideas of every foreign individual who comes to this country so that he may view American conditions as we Americans ourselves view them."

"It matters not whether we argue on industrial, social, or economic conditions, the fundamental topic for discussion will be the immigrant."

"Hillmen come to this country in large numbers. They leave their small village homes, where all is peace and tranquility, to come to this great land where all is strife and bustle. The object of the American Amalgamation company is to get these people to live as we do and not as they were accustomed to in their primitive homes."

The speaker continued by telling of many interesting incidents which happened while he was traveling through Lithuania and Portugal, which pictured truly the hostile and customs of these people who come to this country in waves.

The lecture concluded with an earnest request on the part of the speaker to have each and every student present lend a hand to the American Amalgamation company in aiding the immigrant.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

At the annual business meeting of the Fifth Street Baptist church held recently the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clerk, Deacon Luther C. Stiles; treasurer, Deacon F. Fuller; superintendent of Bible school, Deacon L. H. Thomas; assistant superintendent, Albert Shaw; secretary, Miss Gertrude Merrill; standing committee, the pastor and deacons; and Dr. A. H. Shaw, Harry Giddens, L. M. Swann, Jr., J. M. Bowser, Arthur H. Vinal and C. A. Thompson, members of the ministry-at-large; Dr. F. A. Macdonald, Deacon L. C. Stiles, Mrs. Anna H. Smith, members of the permanent council of the Merrimack River Association; A. H. Vinal, Frank W. Cobb.

A meeting is planned for this quarter of the year to consider the matter of incorporating the church and adopting a new set of by-laws.

DRAFT

Mrs. Charles Smith observed the 25th anniversary of her birth at her home in New Boston village yesterday.

A large number of friends of the hostess assembled at her home and took part in the festivities, which included dinner and an elaborate entertainment program. Many letters of congratulation, floral offerings, and other tokens of esteem were received from relatives and friends who were unable to be present.

Mrs. Smith, who has resided in the town 20 years, and is one of the oldest persons residing there. She is a well preserved woman, and while an injury to her hip, caused by a fall from a horse, prevents her from going out in bad weather, she is still an active worker about the house.

Her eyesight is slightly impaired but her other faculties are still keen. Of a very pleasing disposition she directs her inability to those who have had occasion to call upon her. To this she attributes the many friends she has today very dear, as well as her ability to be in a great measure an asset to longevity.

Mrs. Smith was born in Canada, Jan. 5, 1836, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Foster. She came to Lowell at an early age and for some time was employed in the mills, here while later she worked at the Navy Yard until in Dracut. Her husband was George Smith, and lived with her only daughter, Mrs. Elmer Morgan.

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AUTOMOBILE NEWS

MANY AUTOMOBILES

Being Used in Stormy Weather

Despite the snow, rain, sleet and cold weather which has been encountered during the past week many autos are seen making their way through the streets. At one time it was thought that the automobile was for use only in pleasant weather, but the owners and the public at large are now beginning to realize that the self-propelled vehicle is able to make its way through the city streets and country thoroughfares just as well if not better than the horse-drawn vehicle. People who own cars and use them for pleasure only are not using their machines at this time of the year, but the men who have reason to use his car for both business and pleasure find it very convenient to have an automobile. The business man does not like to leave his horse even if the engine is blacked out, but with the automobile he can allow it to stay for hours in front of the place where he is doing business, if he will see to it that his radiator is covered.

Patrick Gilbride, the well known dry goods dealer in Merrimack street, has purchased a model 26 Buick through the agency of the Lowell Automobile corporation.

Thomas Hennessey, the owner of the Voyons theatre, well sport, a handsome model 26 Buick passenger car in a few months. This car is one of the prettiest automobiles in the city, having an enclosed body of battleship gray and running gear and black fenders and hood.

Frank L. Bailey, of the firm of Swift & Bailey, provision dealers, has also

purchased a car similar to that purchased by Mr. Hennessey.

owing to the increase of business and the prospect of more business the proprietor of the Moody bridge garage is having what was formerly an office transformed into a show and sales room. When completed the salesroom will be one of the finest in the city. It is beautifully located at the corner of Moody and Pawtucket streets and there is plenty of window space in order to display the different models.

Arthur J. Cummings, the bustling salesman at the Moody bridge garage, has made many sales during the past several weeks both in Lowell and vicinity and there is little wonder that the purchasers are satisfied for the Oakland car this year is one of the best in the line. Nevertheless, its beauty is not surpassed by its powerful engine and good running qualities.

Mr. George R. Dana, of the East Merrimack street garage, and Mr. Harry Pitts of Third street are attending the automobile show at New York this week.

A new fad is to have a special pillow with a tuck-away pocket for handkerchiefs and change purse, which is very handy.

One of the new goods for men has an inverted pocket down the center of the back and the square sleeve model. It is made of chinchilla in soft brown.

One of the pretty fur hats for a lady is made of soft gray mink and has a rolling brim of ermine. It is becoming to blonde or brunette.

Double picnic sets of folding tables, cups and spoons and napkins in two different cups fit into a soft leather case that is shaped like an open glass case.

A new and smart coat for women is of the nut brown hound cloth with the lapels back and kimono sleeves. It is fastened with heavy cord ornaments in the front.

Crope motor hoods made of dry hane platings with a little gold thread lining the edge and long laced ties come in all of the dainty colors for evening wear.

In selecting goggles irregular refraction of the lenses is easily discovered by looking them before the eye and making if the things seen through the glass seem distorted.

The fur automobile hoods are best liked with a cape, as that keeps the back of the neck warm. One of these is lined with tulle satin and has long fur trim of the same color.

One of the toilet cases, shaped like a shoe dress suit case, has an alarm clock among its conveniences, as well as a few handy sewing materials for hasty mending.

Another coat for men is of the double-breasted material and it has the modified waist sleeve, with a seam down the top of the arm. It is a very business coat and much approved for automobile use.

Charles A. Conners, the well known baseball manager, owner of the Chicago White Sox ball club, is one of the first purchasers of a 1912 Alco motor car. Mr. Conners selected a forty-horsepower Buick.

What is thought to be a record for a passenger carrying motorcar has been recently by Ralph Weissborn

who made 210 miles in one day, traveling from Milwaukee to their home city. They traveled 110 miles on the trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and return.

Inlet valves do not get nearly as hot, and, consequently, do not expand as much as exhaust valves. For this reason less clearance should be allowed between the stems and push rods of mechanically-operated inlet valves than would be allowed between the stems and push rods of exhaust valves.

John J. Bookan, secretary of the Terminal Traction company, Washington, D. C., writes of a record which was made by a tire recently removed from one of their big touring cars. The tire was a 34x4 Republic, smooth tread, and the car weighed 2800 pounds. This tire rolled up a record of 9744 miles in the last four wheels and 57 miles on the right front wheel—a total of 10,229 miles.

When driving on a greasy road go slowly, and do not set into a tight place where the use of the brakes or sudden steering is necessary, either of which may cause a skid. As soon as the car shows signs of skidding, detach immediately. If this is done in time the car will probably right itself. The brakes should not be applied until the car has recovered a straight course. At the same time as you detach the front of the car should be steered in the same direction as the back is skidding.

A meeting of the chauffeurs of this city will be held this evening in the garage of the Merrimack Valley Automobile company, 10 Moody street, for the purpose of forming a local association of chauffeurs. The meeting will be addressed by J. A. Seaton, organizer for the Chauffeurs' Federation of America.

TOURING CLUB

Is Planning Southern Tours

To meet the increasing demand for the latest and most accurate road data in the southern states, a path-finding trip under the direction of the Touring Club of America will start within a fortnight from Augusta, Ga., going to Nashville by way of Atlanta and Chattanooga. This trip which will cover upwards of 600 miles will be made with the Touring club's official Thomas 6-10 in charge of the southern vice president, D. D. Armstrong of Atlanta.

An interesting feature of this year's trip will be the charting of one of the most delightful southern routes which will be taken by a large party of motorists and good road enthusiasts early in February to attend the automobile show to be held in Atlanta, Ga. In the automobile-arms from February 13 to 17 under the auspices of the Atlanta Automobile and Accessory Association. Parties are now being formed in many of the cities along the route and the forthcoming tour, as a preliminary to the southern automobile exposition will be the largest demonstration that has yet been given of the increasing interest throughout the south in automobile progress and the need of improved highways.

The long-finding trip, with which the Touring Club of America will inaugurate the campaign of 1912, is but one of a series of similar road scouting trips through the south and other



BARNEY OLDFIELD, WHO IS BARRED FROM DRIVING AT INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY

BARNEY OLDFIELD

Barred From Riding on Speedway Track

made within the next few months to secure the latest road data for the Automobile Club of America, the official guide of the Touring Club of America. The Augusta to Nashville tour will greatly enlarge the road and touring material acquired by the Touring club's previous season's trips in the south and will be the means of opening up a larger area of the southern territory to tourists.

The road from Nashville to Chicago, known as the world's speed king, may be reinstated in the good graces of the American Automobile Association, and again registered as a motor racing driver, he never will be allowed to drive upon the Indianapolis motor speedway. This is the announcement of the management of the famous track following the publication of a report that Oldfield and Bob Burman, the present holder of the world's free-for-all straightaway, mile track record, would make some time during the 1912 season in a match race at the motor speedway.

Oldfield has incurred the displeasure of the owners of the track, through the methods which he adopted when he was hippodroming the country with a string of racing cars, and later by his attacks upon the various racing organizations and promoters in the country. For some time he has been following his former manager and press agent, "Bert" Pickens, to write newspaper articles under his signature, and the last drivers in the motor racing the "Bert" attacks which, if successful, he has been a winner in many big events and, were he to be pitted against a man his equal, a match race for the Indianapolis track would be a fair contest.

While in Savannah recently attending the Vanderbilt and Grand Prix races Oldfield gave out the statement that he desired reinstatement as a registered racing driver. He said further that he believed many were in the habit of agreeing to race on his behalf. This he promised to do and was told that his case would be considered by the contest board after the first of 1912.

The matter has not been reopened, but probably will be at the time the club's representatives will return to Atlanta, visiting Mahoning Montgomery, of the New York automobile show.

side note to a race between Oldfield and Burman was called to his attention. Carl C. Fisher, president of the company which owns the Indianapolis motor speedway said: "Such a race on the Motor Speedway is impossible for several reasons. First, we would not allow Oldfield upon the track no matter what or how he was reinstated as he has defied the racing sport ever since he was outlawed and his very attempt at reinstatement proves his insincerity and his questionable methods. Second, it has always been the policy of the speedway to give its spectators a race meeting of the highest possible standard. We never have admitted the circus-riding, hippodrome method of taking money from the public and giving little or nothing in return. For that reason alone it would be impossible for Oldfield to put on his kind of a show and enjoy public appreciation at the speedway. In a race where skill and nerve were necessary, Barney Oldfield would be a poor factor, as has been proved in the past when he left his so-called 'exhibition' driving to compete with other racing drivers in a fairly run contest."

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The next event planned for the speedway is the second annual 500-mile International Sweepstakes race to be run on Decoration day, May 30, 1912. It is highly probable that a fall race meeting will be held on Labor Day, September 2. Four entries have been made for the first event, including Ralph De Palma in a Mercedes.

Work on the new Bradley building on Central street is progressing rapidly.

Automobile Directory

Buick Lowell Auto Corp., 61-63 Appleton st., Phone 3137.

Ford 1912 models on exhibition at City Hall, Stephen L. Ricketts, Tel. 2900.

Oakland Moody Bridge Garage, Corner Pawtucket and Moody Sts.

Inter-State Frank J. Donahue, 158 Main st., Tel. 1249-2, or 268-2.

International Auto Wagon, E. E. Smith, 43-45 Market st., Tel. connection.

Knox Moody Bridge Garage, —Agent— Phone 2688.

Maxwell MACKENZIE & BRYANT, Agents, Tel. 2054, 11 Howard st.

Matheson-Six Merrimack Valley Garage, 545 Moody st., near Pawtucket st., Tel. 1276.

Mercier's FAMOUS AUTO LIVERY, City Hall Garage, Phone—Office and Garage, 1911-2.

Overland M. S. Flender, Phone 2155, Davis Square.

Pitts Auto Supplies 7 HERR STREET, Telephones 1255-1 and 1262-2.

Pratt-Elkhart "40" New Model T. Agent for Lowell and adjacent towns, E. J. Adams, 1226 Middlesex st., Lowell, Tel.

Reo GEO. P. WHITE, Agent for Lowell and vicinity, Shopper, North Chelmsford, Mass., Tel. Cars at City Hall Garage.

PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DAMAGE IS \$100,000

Fire in Heart of the Business District of Boston

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—The heart of the business district today was the scene of a fire which wiped out the quarters of two large firms, seriously damaged several others and caused a loss estimated at \$100,000.

The firms that suffered were the Globe-Wrentham Co., office furniture, L. J. Mitty & Co., automobile supplies, both in the building, 91 to 107 Federal street, and on the other side of the block, H. K. Barnes Co., the department supplies, and Carter Rice Co., paper stock at 24 and 26 Devonshire street. The fire started on the Federal street side of the block, where it swept

through the greater part of the building. The firemen had it nearly under control when the flames suddenly leaped through on to the Devonshire street side and it took an additional fighting force to subdue them.

At 1:30 p.m. the flames again became threatening and as adjoining business buildings were in danger, a fourth alarm was sounded.

Shortly before two o'clock the flames communicated with the building of Carter Rice & Co. on Devonshire st. At 1:55 the fire jumped through to Winthrop square to the firm of Henry K. Barnes Co., leather-binding and mill supplies, at 24 Devonshire street.

FRANK M. MERRILL UNKNOWN WOMAN

Lowell Man Arrested on Secret Indictment

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 9.—Frank M. Merrill of Lowell was arrested today by a state detective on a secret indictment returned by the Middlesex county grand jury. Before Judge McLaughlin Merrill pleaded not guilty to a charge of soliciting membership in a fraternal organization not authorized under the laws of Massachusetts. He furnished \$500 bonds for another hearing.

Assaulted by Four Men and is Dying

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—An unknown woman found unconscious in a South End doorway last night, is reported to be dying at the city hospital as the result of an assault by four men. The woman is about 35. One man has been arrested in connection with the case.

STEAMER ASHORE

PROVINCETOWN, Jan. 9.—The New York steamer Whitefish, bound from Weymouth, Mass., for Newport News, stranded during thick weather early today one mile off the mouth of Pamet river in the town of Truro on Cape Cod bay. The steamer was practically high and dry at low tide at noon today but was resting easily on an even keel although a stiff westerly wind was sweeping over the bay the vessel was not considered to be in immediate danger.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Two Persons Are in a Serious Condition

LEOMINSTER, Jan. 9.—Coal gas escaping from a kitchen range overcame seven persons in a Pleasant street tenement house today and two persons, John Lanza and Mrs. Joseph Scarpino, are in a serious condition. Mrs. Lanza and her two children, and Mrs. Scarpino and her two children, were the persons affected.

HAGHEY AND PERRY

To Appear at Lowell S. & A. Club Friday

The program arranged for the members of the Lowell Social and Athletic club at Friday night's meeting is one of the best yet presented. The meeting will be held in the club's headquarters, Higgins hall. Charles Haghey and George Perry are booked for the main event. They are clever boxers and should furnish an interesting exhibition. In the semi-main event, Jack O'Hare and Charles Anastas are the principals. These young men are well known to local sports followers and the outcome of their match will be closely watched. Young Coffey and Young Josephs will book up in the preliminaries and this engagement should furnish much enjoyment for the members.

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In Fancy Work
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EAST SECTION, CENTRE AISLE

In Ladies' Gloves
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ON SALE TODAY

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Worth from \$3 to \$6, at
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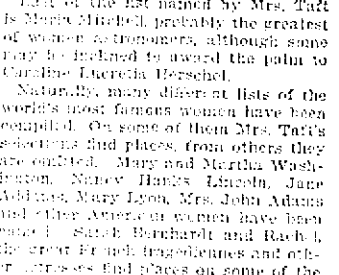
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SENTENCED TO DEATH

FOUR LIVES LOST

Equitable Assurance Society Building
in New York Destroyed

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The great marble nine-story building of the Equitable Life Assurance society at 129 Broadway, the home of the Mercantile Trust Co., the Equitable Trust Co., the Equitable Savings Deposit Co., and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was destroyed today by fire. Three men were killed by falling from the roof, one man is believed to have lost his life in the vaults and the property loss is estimated at about \$11,000,000. Millions of dollars in cash and securities are locked in the vaults of the Assurance society and the building and lost companies but are not believed to be affected by the flames.

William Giblin, president of the Mercantile Trust Co., was in the building with three other employees in the vaults and were rescued after the firemen had sawed through several two-inch steel beams.

Deputy Fire Chief Walsh was rescued from the building after being imprisoned in the burning structure nearly two hours. The fire was in the heart of the financial district and the flames were found mainly from the tops of towering skyscrapers. Business was brought almost to a complete standstill among banking and brokerage houses, whose employees could not reach the scene of their daily activities. Financial affairs stopped business to care for the firemen.

The fire started on one of the upper floors. The first firemen who reached the scene in response to an alarm sent in by a watchman, failed that the back before there was any of great difficulty and they called out all the fire apparatus in the lower town district. The fire was in the eighth, ninth and tenth stories of the structure. The building

is one of the old time structures. The Pine street side of the building from the eighth floor to the roof was a raging furnace. Pine street is a narrow thoroughfare, scarcely affording room for two wagons to pass and on the opposite side from the Equitable building stands a 20-story skyscraper. The bricks of this structure were steaming with a heat which made them fairly gleam as the firemen retreated from the point where they had taken their first stand.

Although the fire is located in the district served by the famed high pressure water mains there was a long struggle to get sufficient pressure to reach the blaze effectively. The city's fireboats were hurriedly brought from their stations and docked at the North river piers five blocks away to be called upon in case the high pressure gave way completely.

At 6:15 o'clock the fire was gaining

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THE STREET CARS

WERE KEPT RUNNING REGULARLY TODAY

Despite the disagreeable weather of last evening and this morning, the local street railway lines are in good condition. The suburban lines, though somewhat irregular as to time this morning were fixed up and at noon the cars were on good time.

The Fletcher street line was tied up for a while this morning, owing to snow and ice clogging up the rails, especially at the cross-overs. These were soon cleaned out, and by 10 o'clock the cars were running on schedule time.

Last night the company had twenty-two snow plows in operation. These were put on early in the evening and kept going until 1 o'clock this morning. This morning about 12 plows were working and this afternoon the number was reduced to seven.

FUNERALS

AYOTTE.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Edward Ayotte took place this morning from her late home, 83 Salem street. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock at St. Jean Baptiste church by Rev. Fr. Brault, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Audibert and Gratton, O. M. I., as deacon and sub-deacon. The choir was under the direction of Mr. George E. Casse, Mr. Arthur J. Martel presiding at the organ. The bearers were George Ayotte, Eugene Gagnon, Joseph J. Binville, Joseph Bessinger, Ovide Robitaille and Alfred Lussier. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Rev. Fr. Paquette, O. M. I., officiating at the grave. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Amodee Archambault.

LECLERC.—The body of Pierre Leclerc, who died yesterday at the Tewksbury hospital at the age of 33 years was sent to Woonsocket, R. I., for burial in the 2:30 o'clock train yesterday afternoon by Undertaker Amodee Archambault.

BISHOP RYAN DEAD

DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 8. Monsignor Ryan, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Dubuque, died here today. He was born in Ireland over 70 years ago.

Mothers

ARE GIVING ANI-SEN

To their babies in preference to other remedies for colic, constipation, diarrhoea, teething ailments, Expels worms. Gives sweet, refreshing, natural sleep. Get a bottle today.

Prepared by C. I. Hood, Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all druggists. 25c a bottle.

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What a man thinks is often the guide for what his workmen do.

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PASTOR RICHESON

Pleaded Guilty of Murder in the First Degree and Was Sentenced

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—A plea of guilty of murder in the first degree was made by the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson in the superior court today. He had pleaded not guilty when arraigned on the indictment charging the poisoning of Avis Linnell but following his written confession made Saturday it was arranged for him to retract this plea. This he did by pleading guilty today.

Judge Sanderson sentenced Richeson to death in the electric chair at the state prison at Charlestown some time in the week beginning May 19.

When Judge Sanderson asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced Richeson replied: "I have nothing to say farther than my written confession."

Richeson heard the death sentence with little apparent emotion. There was no trembling on his part, but a slight swallowing in his throat. Throughout the brief proceedings he was calm. He was in court but six minutes.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Of Lowell Textile School Trustees

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Lowell Textile school was held at Young's hotel, Boston, this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The business of the meeting including the reading of reports and the election of officers. All of the old officers were re-elected as follows: Corporation officers: A. G. Cummock, president; Jacob Rogers, vice-president; James T. Smith, clerk; A. G. Pollard, treasurer.

Mayor James E. O'Donnell and Andrew L. Barrett, president of the municipal council, are members ex-officio. Frederick Manning Ayer is honorary trustee and the trustees on the part of the Commonwealth are the Mayor, governor and the commissioners of education. The principal of the school is Charles H. Eames, S. B.

MINISTERS OBJECT

To Ninth Regt. Escorting Cardinal O'Connell

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—The Evangelical Alliance objects to the 9th Regiment appearing in uniform as escort to Cardinal O'Connell when he returns to Boston. The alliance is composed of ministers of Congregational, Baptist and Methodist churches in Greater Boston. At a meeting in the Park Street church yesterday, it appointed a committee to protest. Its main objection is that an escort to a prince of the Catholic church by state militia would create a wrong impression in other countries.

Col. John J. Sullivan, commanding the 9th regiment, was reluctant to discuss the matter, as he did not care to be drawn into a controversy and he believed that no statement by him would change the ministers' opinion.

NEARLY DROWNED

Samuel Parent, an employee of Undertaker Joseph Albert, narrowly escaped drowning this afternoon while grappling the Concord river for the body of the little Rusecki boy. Parent accidentally fell over the boat into the waters, but fortunately after swimming a few strokes was pulled out by his companions. He is none the worse for his ducking.

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BOY IS STILL MISSING

Vladis Rusecki Has Not Been Seen Since Sunday

The disappearance of Vladis Rusecki, aged seven years, is still a mystery, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maciej Rusecki of 18 Rogers street, are seen in that vicinity. The boy, it is said, was seen on the ice of the Concord river and consequently at 1 o'clock this afternoon, Undertaker Joseph Albert and a couple of his men got busy grappling for the thought the little fellow might have been.

STRIKERS HELD FIRM

Boston Threatened With Worst Labor Trouble in Years

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Although the places were being gradually filled by strike breakers from New York, the 2500 longshoremen held firm today in their strike for increased wages and as a result Boston is threatened during the next 24 hours with the worst strike that has occurred here in many years. At a meeting of the executive board of the district assembly 34, Knights of Labor, which lasted until after midnight, the action of the longshoremen's union in voting to call out 2500 freight handlers, strictly clerks and steamship clerks in sympathy with the strikers was ratified. It was stated by an officer today. Final decision will be reached tonight at a meeting of the local assemblies and with the approval of the workers at the wharves will be called out at midnight, effecting a complete tie-up. The total number of strikers would then reach nearly 6000.

NOTICE

Members of Division 1, A. O. H., are requested to meet in Hibernian hall tonight, to take action on the death of their late brother, James A. Curmody. Stated, JOSEPH FAHEY, Pres. JAMES A. SHEEHAN, Sec.

PAY REDUCED

HOMER TURCOTTE'S CUT DOWN TO \$18 A WEEK

Commissioner Cummings spent part of the forenoon at the city hall and while he did not give out the information himself it was stated that he had reduced Janitor Homer Turcotte's pay from \$21 to \$18 a week.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

MISS LAMBERT BURIED

State Police Are Investigating and Arrest May be Made

The mystery surrounding the death of Miss Lucy Lambert, the young housekeeper for Henry O. Keyes, who resides on the Groton road in Westford, has attracted wide attention. It is said that Miss Lambert kept company occasionally with young men in Westford and that frequently she came to Lowell and went to Ayer, she being acquainted in all places, but according to what was learned by a reporter this afternoon none of her former acquaintances were responsible for her death.

There are conditions in connection with the case which attracted the attention of the state police and this afternoon when a representative of The Sun called at the house, just prior to the funeral, Inspector S. H. Smith and Frederick E. Flynn, of the state police, were present and interviewed the different members of the household.

The police are of the opinion that the girl did not know what she was taking when she took the poison.

Whether she took the poison voluntarily is not known and the police especially the state police, are doing everything possible to ferret out the crime if there was a crime.

The story of the death of the girl has been published before. Miss Lambert lived at the home of Henry O. Keyes in Westford for several years. She was his niece and acted as a housekeeper for him. Friday night after she had given birth to a child, it is alleged that she took a dose of strychnine. A physician was called but he found it impossible to regenerate the woman and she died early the following morning.

State Police Suspicious

It was not theorized that the death was out of the ordinary and investigation was even the police and they immediately notified two of their best inspectors to look into the matter.

While it has not been brought out that the poison was administered by

a person other than the dead girl the police are working on the theory that it was, and feel sure that they may be able to produce some facts within a few days which will result in the arrest of one or more persons.

A representative of The Sun called at the home of Mr. Keyes this afternoon, shortly before the funeral took place, and found that that gentleman was indisposed and could not be seen by any one. Subsequently it was learned that Mr. Keyes had been interviewed by the state inspectors.

Edward Keyes Talks

Mr. Edward Keyes of Chelmsford, a brother of Henry Keyes and an uncle of the girl, however, was ready to talk and he stated that while he thought the world of the Lambert girl, she was rather headstrong and although he and his brother had tried to do their best with her and keep her away from objectionable company, she refused to obey them. He said that he knew that she had been indisposed in her behavior and had cautioned her about doing better in the future, but she had refused to do as she was told.

Mr. Keyes admitted that the girl had given birth to a child a short time ago, which child is now being cared for by a party whom he did not care to name. He said that he knew or thought he knew, according to a statement made by the deceased, who was responsible for the condition of the girl at that time.

He further stated that Miss Lambert frequently went to Lowell and Ayer and had been seen talking with young men in Westford.

As far as could be learned by The Sun representative, Miss Lambert never kept company with any young man, but the names of several whom she had been seen talking with are known.

There are various reports current in the town which intimate that a person who was well acquainted with the deceased was responsible for her condition and that he gave her the poison. This is the story that the state police are working on at the present time and they believe before they finish their work that there will be one or more persons arrested.

One of the theories advanced by the uncle of the girl is to the effect that she was strychnine in the medicine, but he is of the opinion that she was addicted to the use of strychnine and probably took an overdose.

The state police believe they have a good case in hand and are coöperating with Messrs. Flynn and Smith in the investigation.

The funeral of Miss Lambert took place this afternoon. Services were held at two o'clock, Rev. Louis Haver, minister, officiating. The bearers were Messrs. George Burke, Edward Gould, Carl Wright and Fred Blackett. The interment was in the Fairview cemetery in Westford.

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THE PUMPING STATION

It was stated today that Commissioner Barrett who has charge of the water and fire departments will turn the Centralville pumping station over to experts from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in one week in order that its capacity may be properly tested and to gain such information as he considers necessary for the betterment of the department. Mr. Barrett allows that he will get some information that will be worth while. He went to Boston yesterday to look up matters in connection with these departments.

As to the reduction in help in the water department Mr. Barrett says that it was absolutely necessary. He says the men should have been laid off December 1. Speaking of the next summer in the laying of new pipe, there are twenty men were doing but the work of three or four men and that streets of Lowell today where there is somewhere in the vicinity of \$12,000 has been expended in both work on a patch of pine land that is assessed will be corrected in the spring.

TEXTILE STUDENTS

Were Addressed by Mr.
George Tupper

Mr. George Tupper, industrial secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association and confidential adviser to the students of the textile school at Lowell, addressed the students of the textile school at Lowell, Mass., on the subject of the textile industry in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Tupper has been visiting in the textile industry in various parts of the world, including Italy, Portugal, Germany and Lithuania.

Mr. Charles H. Dana, principal of the school, introduced Mr. Tupper. The principal, in his words of introduction, praised the work which Mr. Tupper has done in the textile industry.

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OFFICERS ELECTED

BY FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

At the annual business meeting of the Fifth Street Baptist church held recently the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clerk, Deacon Luther C. Stiles; Treasurer, Leroy P. Fuller; superintendent of Bible school, Deacon E. B. Thomas; assistant superintendent, Albert Shaw; secretary, Miss Gertrude Merrill; standing committee, the pastor and deacons and Dr. A. E. Snow; Harry Goddard, L. M. Swett, Jr., J. M. Howers, Arthur H. Vinet and C. A. Thompson; members of Ministry of Prayer, Rev. F. A. Macdonald, Deacon L. Stiles, Mrs. Hannah Paul, members of the permanent council of the Merrimack River Association, A. H. Vinet, Frank W. Cobb.

A meeting is planned for this quarter of the year to consider the matter of incorporating the church and accepting a new set of by-laws.

DRACUT

Mrs. Charissa Smith, observed the 22nd anniversary of her birth at her home in New Boston village yesterday.

A large number of friends of the hostess assembled at her home and took part in the festivities, which included dinner and an elaborate entertainment program. Many letters of congratulation, floral offerings and other tokens of esteem, were received from relatives and friends who were unable to be present.

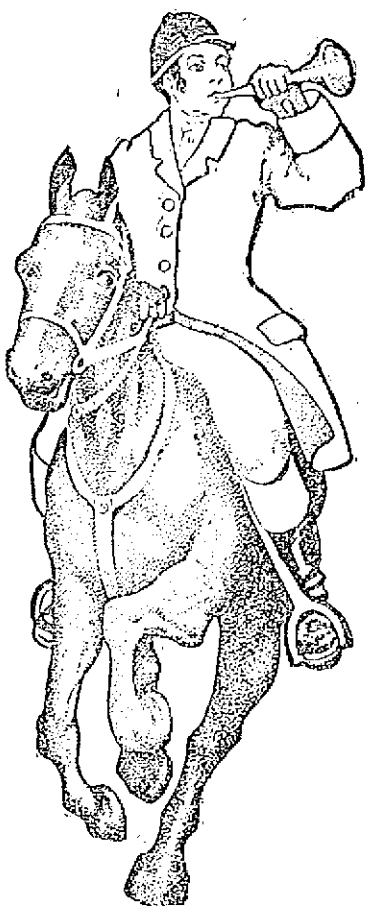
Mrs. Smith, has resided in Dracut 20 years, and is one of the oldest persons residing there. She is a well preserved woman, and while an injury to her hip, caused by a fall a short time ago, prevents her from going out in bad weather, she is still an active worker about the house.

Her eyesight is slightly impaired but her other faculties are still keen. Of a very pleasing disposition, she displays her inability to those who have had occasion to call upon her. To this she attributes the many friendships which she holds very dear, as well as believing it to be a great measure an asset to her life.

Mrs. Smith was born in Canada, Jan. 8, 1839, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Foster. She came to Lowell at an early age and for some time was employed in the mills. Her while later she worked at the Navy Yard mills in Dracut. Her husband was Horace Smith, and she has been 26 years ago, she has lived with her only daughter, Mrs. Ellen Morgan.

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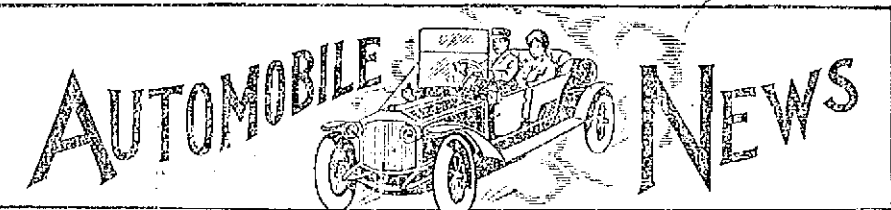
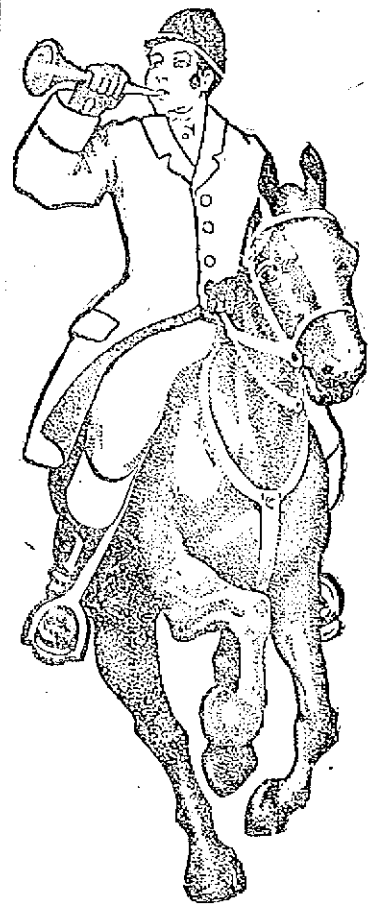
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MANY AUTOMOBILES

Being Used in Stormy Weather

Despite the snow, rain, sleet and cold weather which has been encountered during the past week, many automobiles are being used in the city streets and country roads. The automobiles are being used in the city streets and country roads. The automobiles are being used in the city streets and country roads.

Patrick Gillette, the well known dry goods dealer in Merrimack street, has purchased a model 21 Buick through the agency of the Lowell Automobile corporation.

Thomas Hennessy, the owner of the Vantage theatre, will soon have a handsome model 29 Buick passenger car in a few months. This car is one of the prettiest automobiles in the city, having an enclosed body of battleship gray and running gear and black fenders and hood.

Frank E. Bailey, of the firm of Swift & Bailey, provision dealers, has also

purchased a car similar to that purchased by Mr. Hennessy.

Owing to the increase of business and the prospect of more business the proprietor of the Moody bridge garage is having what was formerly an office transformed into a show and salesroom. When completed the salesroom will be one of the finest in the city. It is located at the corner of Moody and Pawtucket streets and there is plenty of window space in order to display the different models.

Arthur J. Chumiskey, the hustling salesman at the Moody Bridge garage, has made many sales during the past several weeks both in Lowell and vicinity and there is little wonder that the purchasers are satisfied for the Oakland car this year is one of rare beauty and design. Nevertheless its beauty is surpassed by its powerful motor and good running qualities.

Mr. George H. Dana, of the East Merrimack street garage, and Mr. Harry Pitts of Third Street are attending the automobile show at New York this week.

A new fuel is to have a special silk pillow with a truck-away pocket for handkerchiefs and change purse, which is very handy.

One of the new coats for men has an inverted pocket down the center of the back and the sleeve sleeve moved. It is made of cloth in soft brown.

One of the pretty hats for a young girl is made of soft gray material, and has a rolling brim of emerald. It is becoming to blonde or brunette girls.

Double picnic sets of folding knives, forks and spoons and napkins in two drinking cups fit into a sole leather case that is shaped like an opera glass case.

A new and smart coat for women is of the nut-brown boucle cloth with the Empire back and kimono sleeves. It is fastened with heavy cord ornaments in the front.

Cheap motor heads made of tin have platings with a little gold thread finishing the edge and long tucked ties come in all of the dainty colors for evening wear.

In selecting spectacles irregular refraction of the lenses is easily discovered by moving them before the eye and noticing if the things seen through the glass seem distorted.

The far automobile heads are best liked with a cape, as that keeps the back of the neck warm. One of reason is lined with tulle satin and has long satin ties of the same color.

One of the toilet cases, shaped like a was dress suit case, has an alarm clock among its conveniences, as well as a few handy sewing materials for handy mending.

Another coat for men is of the double-breasted material and it has the double-breasted collar with a seam down the top of the arm. It is a very becoming cut and much approved for automobile use.

Charles A. Chumiskey, the well-known dealer in motor cars, has just received a new 1912 Buick car. This car is one of the prettiest automobiles in the city, having an enclosed body of battleship gray and running gear and black fenders and hood.

What is thought to be a record for a passenger carrying motorcyclist was made recently by Ralph Welsonburn

who made 249 miles in one day, traveling from Milwaukee to their home city. They traveled 111 miles on the trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and return.

Inlet valves do not get nearly as hot, and consequently do not expand as much as exhaust valves. For this reason less clearance should be allowed between the stems and push rods of mechanically-operated inlet valves than would be allowed between the stems and push rods of exhaust valves.

John J. Baobas, secretary of the Vermont Trench company, Washington, D. C., writes of a record which was made by a recently removed from one of their touring cars. The tire was a 21x1 inch Republic, smooth tread, and the car weighed 2800 pounds. This tire rolled up a record of 2744 miles on the left rear wheel and 2744 miles on the right front wheel—a total of 5488 miles.

When driving on a greasy road go slowly, and do not get into a tight place where the use of the brakes or quick steering is necessary, either of which may cause a skid. As soon as the car shows signs of skidding, detach immediately. If this is done in time the car will probably right itself. The brakes should not be applied until the car has recovered a straight course. At the same time as you detach the front of the car should be steered in the same direction as the back is sliding.

A meeting of the chauffeurs of this city will be held this evening in the garage of the Merrimack Valley Automobile company, in Moody street, for the purpose of forming a local association of chauffeurs. The meeting will be addressed by J. A. Seaton, organizer for the Chauffeurs' Federation of America.

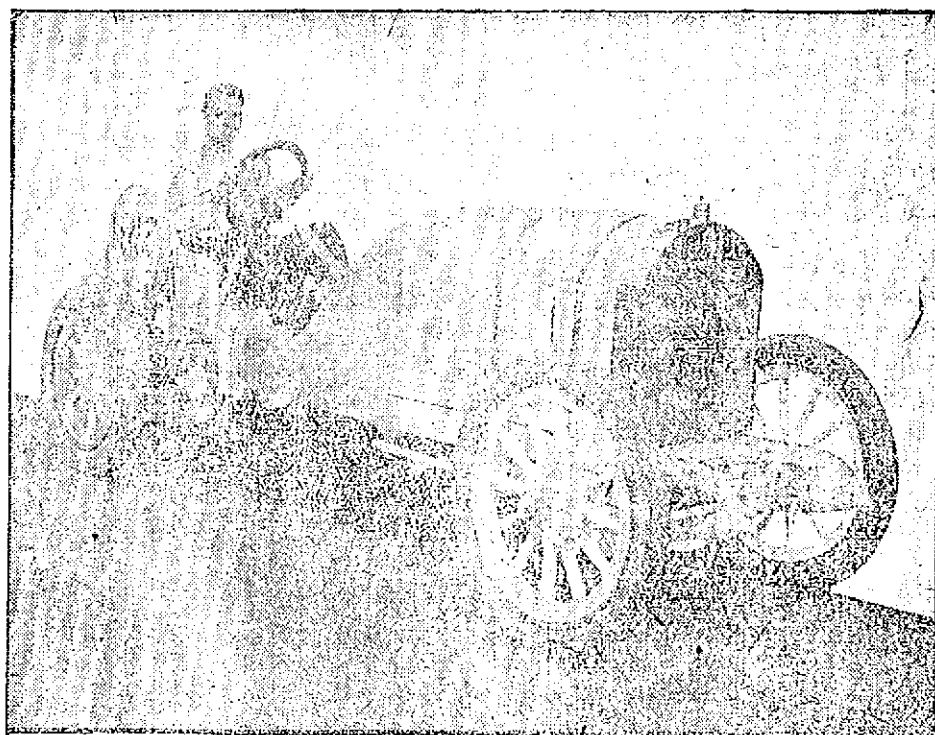
TOURING CLUB

Is Planning Southern Tours

To meet the increasing demand for the latest and most accurate road data in the southern states, a path-finding trip under the direction of the Touring Club of America will start within a fortnight from Augusta, Ga., going to Nashville by way of Atlanta and Chattanooga. This trip which will cover upwards of 600 miles will be made with the Touring Club's official Thomas 6-10 in charge of the southern vice president D. B. Armstrong of Atlanta.

An interesting feature of this scouting trip will be the charting of one of the most difficult southern routes which will be taken by a large party of motorists and good road enthusiasts early in February to attend the automobile show to be held in Atlanta, Ga. In the auditorium-armory from February 10 to 17 under the auspices of the Atlanta Automobile and Accessory Association. Parties are now being formed in many of the cities along the route and the forthcoming tour, as a preliminary to the south's big automobile exposition will be the greatest demonstration that has yet been given of the increasing interest throughout the south in automobile progress and the need of improved highways.

This path-finding trip, with which the Touring Club of America will inaugurate the campaign of 1912, is but one of a series of similar road scouting trips through the south and other parts of the country.



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made within the next few months to secure the latest road data for the Automobile Blue Book, the official guide of the Touring Club of America. The Augusta to Nashville tour will greatly enlarge the number of touring clubs members, successful trips in the south and will be the means of opening up a large territory of the southern territory to motor tourists.

The road from Nashville to Chattanooga with the exception of the short stretch which will be improved before the Atlanta automobile show, starts in its very good condition. The chambers of commerce, boards of trade and civic organizations along the route are showing a keen interest in this road reads demonstration and ample assistance toward improving many sections of the highway has been promised.

Mr. Armstrong will have the operation of J. M. Walle, one of the leading good road boosters of Nashville and Houston Harger of Chattanooga, manager of the Touring club branch in that city, who will have general charge of the preliminary work in their respective cities and will make arrangements to receive and properly entertain the motorists traveling to the Atlanta show early in February.

It is not, improbable, providing weather conditions will permit and the roads are found to be available for touring that the scouting party instead of terminating the trip at Nashville will continue to Memphis and New Orleans by the way of Birmingham, Meridian and Jackson.

A more desirable route to New Orleans has been sought by many motorists at that city is visited annually by thousands of travelers, especially during the Mardi Gras festivities. It has been suggested by several prominent automobilists and good roads advocates that a popular tour to New Orleans under the auspices of the Touring Club might be organized for that novel and well-known event.

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Although Barney Oldfield, formerly known as the world's speed king, may be reinstated in the good graces of the American Automobile Association, and again registered as a motor racing driver, he never will be allowed to drive upon the Indianapolis motor speedway. This is the announcement of the management of the famous track following the publication of a report that Oldfield and Bob Burman, the present holder of the world's free-for-all straightaway, mile track and speedway records, would meet some time during the 1912 season in a match race at the motor speedway.

Oldfield has incurred the displeasure of the owners of the track, through the methods which he adopted while he was hypochondriac the country with a string of racing cars, and later by his attacks upon the various racing organizations and promoters in the country. For some time he has been showing his former antagonist and present rival, "Slim" Pickens, to write newspaper articles under his signature, and the vitriolic attacks which these stories have made upon the American Automobile Association and the Motor Speedway have increased the enmity of both organizations.

While in Savannah recently attending the Vanderbilt and Grand Prix races, Oldfield gave out this statement that he desired reinstatement as a registered racing driver. He said that he believed many were in favor of him and he would agree to cast his vote for the reinstatement of the track. This he promised to do and was told that his case would be considered by the contest board after the first of 1912. The matter has not been reopened, but probably will be at the time of the New York automobile show.

able match race between Oldfield and Burman was called to his attention, Carl G. Fisher, president of the company which owns the Indianapolis motor speedway said: "Such a race on the Motor Speedway is impossible for several reasons. First, we would not allow Oldfield upon the track no matter when or how he was reinstated, as he has darked the racing sport, ever since he was outlawed and his very attempt at reinstatement proves his insincerity and his questionable methods. Second, it has always been the policy of the speedway to give its spectators a race meeting of the highest possible standard. We never have adopted the circus-racing, hippodrome method of taking money from the public and giving little or nothing in return. For that reason alone it would be impossible for Oldfield to put on his kind of a show and enjoy public appreciation at the speedway. In a race where skill and nerve were necessary, Barney Oldfield would be a poor factor, as has been proved in the past when he left his so-called exhibition driving to compete with other racing drivers in a fairly run contest.

"In view of the fact that we are planning contests of real merit at the speedway and want the public to be with us, we can afford to allow any such race as is proposed by Oldfield to be staged here. I do not say this with any idea of underestimating Burman, for he has proved himself to be one of the best drivers in the motor racing sport. He has been a winner in many big events and, were he to be pitted against a man his equal, a match race between the two would prove interesting. The speedway is always open to Bob Burman."

The next event planned for the speedway is the second annual 200-mile International Sweepstakes race to be run Decoration day, May 20, 1912. It is highly probable that a fall race meeting will be held on Labor Day, September 2. Four entries have been made for the first event, including Ralph De Palma in a Mercedes.

Work on the new Bentley building on Central street is progressing rapidly.

Automobile Directory

Buick Lowell Auto Corp., 31-33 Appleton St., Phone 2127.

Ford 1512 model car, exhibition at City Hall Garage, Moody street. Stephen L. Rochette, Tel. 1268.

Oakland Moody Bridge Garage, Corner Pawtucket and Moody Sts.

Inter-State Frank D. Donovan, 288 Market St., Tel. 1245-2, or 248-2.

International Auto Wrecker, 1512 Moody St., Tel. 1245-2, or 248-2.

Knox Moody Bridge Garage, Agent, Phone 2158.

Maxwell MACKENZIE & DRY, 402-404, 11 Howard St.

Matheson-Six Merrimack Valley Garage, 348 Moody st., near Pawtucket st., Lynn, Mass. & Lynn, Mass. Tel. 1276.

Mercier's FANFOLD AUTO LIVERY, 1111-1113, Garage, Phone-Office and Garage, 1311-1313.

Overland M. S. Pritchard, Phone 2158, Davis Square.

Pitts Auto Supplies 7 HURD STREET, Telephones 2252-1 and 2252-2.

Pratt-Elkhart "40" New Model F. Agent for Lowell and adjacent towns, P. E. Adams, 1126 Middlesex St., Lowell, Tel.

Reo GEO. P. WHITE, Agent for Lowell and vicinity, Supplies, North Chelmsford, Mass., Tel. Cars at City Hall Garage.

